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IURC TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT SELF-GENERATED ELECTRICITY

Today, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission announced plans to gather information about the self-generation of electricity.

The IURC is asking for comments from the electric companies which serve Indiana's 2.7 million residential, commercial and industrial customers, as well as participation from community interest groups and other governmental entities, on the issues surrounding the implementation of distributed resources.

The Commission will use the information gathered as it sets the standards to be followed when utility customers install their own generation resources. The IURC will address this process through its Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Distributed Resources in Indiana.

Potential topics to be addressed in this rulemaking include:

- Interconnection standards
- Net metering
- Standby charges
- Buy-back rates
- Siting and permitting
- Stranded costs
- Energy efficiency

A staff white paper is available on the IURC's website: www.in.gov/iurc. This document is provided as a guide to help direct the comments. "I would like to encourage a healthy and vigorous dialog between industry stakeholders and all others with an interest in seeing more opportunities for distributed resources in Indiana," stated Commission Chairman, William McCarty. "I don't believe that the true value of these diverse resources to our state, our utilities and all customers has yet been realized. Hopefully, at the end of this rulemaking process, the rewards to all parties will have made this endeavor worthwhile." All comments will be made public and also posted on the website.

Comments are due no later than March 1. A technical workshop is scheduled for May 9, 2002, and is open to the public. All comments should be filed electronically.

The Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Distributed Resources is an outgrowth of the recent Commission Reliability Investigation. In Cause No. 41736, the IURC facilitated an environment where regulators, consumers, industry groups, and utilities forged a partnership to work together to address electric reliability and the state's long-term energy needs. This proceeding raised public awareness of the complex issues surrounding reliable electric service, and is now guiding the Commission in developing policies and initiatives that maintain and promote adequate and reliable electric service. The final report for Cause No. 41736 is available at the IURC website (www.in.gov/iurc).